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[Despatch Abstract.]

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT.
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Advances - Loans Advances to cultivator for the purchase of seed and manure sanctioning powers of the District Agricultural Officers - Rai sing the sanctioning powers from Rs.80/- to Rs.200/- proposals Submitted to Government.

Station: Madras. Ref.V.9787/49-4 Dt. 26-4-1950.

From

Sri N.C. Thomas, B.A.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sri W.R.S.Sattianathan, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

READ: From the Director of Agriculture, Madras No.b.5.682/49 dated 30-8-1949.
From the Director of Agriculture, Madras No.B.5.682/49 dated 10.2.1950.

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Submitted to the Government.

2. The Board observes that the proposals of the Director of Agriculture, Madras are beset with many difficulties. The loans in question are granted on personal security. There is already a certai amount of risk involved in granting Rs.80/- to each individual on per sonal security and it is not therefore desirable to enahnce the risks by raising the limit from Rs.80/- to Rs.200/-. Further these loans are granted interest free. Every year the Government are losing big sums by way of remission of interest on seed and manue loans granted by ~~xxyxOfxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ District Agricultural Officers. By raising the sanctioning limit to Rs.200/- the Government will have to lose more. There is another difficulty. The original intention in empowering the District Agricultural Officers to sanction these loans is that the Agricultural Department will supply best varieties of see(and manure. With the transfer of the distribution of groundnut cakes to the Co-operative Society the original intention is not possible of realisation. As these loans are now being disbursed entirely in cash at the request of the borrower, there is every possibility of misapplication of the loan amounts in the absence of proper check. But, however, in view of the general increase in the price: of seed and manure and in the wages of labour, some increase in th(present limit of the loans seems necessary. The Board considers that Rs.120/- is a reasonable amount. It therefore recommends that the Government may be pleased to raise the present powers of the District Agricultural officers to sanction loans from Rs.80/- to Rs.120/-.

3. As regards the Nilgiris District, the Board invites the attention of the Government to the Board's proceedings(Rt) No. 2296 dated 12-4-50 in which is has expressed itself against enhancing the present maximum of Rs.250/-

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For Joint Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras for information.

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